

TOWN OF MERRILLVILLE
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
April 24, 2018

CALL TO ORDER: 6:30 p.m.

INVOCATION: Ruth Maynard, Youth and Children's Pastor - Impact Christian Church

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL: All members were present.

PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS AND REMONSTRATIONS:

Mr. Hardaway read the Proclamation of the Town of Merrillville and announced that Friday April 27, 2018 will be designated as "Arbor Day" in the Town of Merrillville. Mr. Pettit made a motion to approve and was seconded by Ms. LaMarca. There was no discussion. The motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Approval of the Accounts Payable Register Voucher dated April 24, 2018. Approval of Town Council Meeting Minutes of April 10, 2018. Mr. Pettit made a motion to approve and was seconded by Ms. LaMarca. There was no discussion. The motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

STANDING COMMITTEES:

BUDGET & FINANCE:

Mr. Pettit mentioned last week there was an Exit Interview with State Board of Accounts. A discussion followed regarding processes & procedures that need to be implemented and/or changed going forward.

PUBLIC WORKS:

Mr. Minchuk had no report. Mr. Pettit reported that with the paving project on Grand Boulevard there are now detours set up but only for local traffic.

COUNCIL AFFAIRS:

Ms. LaMarca had no report.

PERSONNEL POLICY & EMPLOYEE BENEFITS:

Mrs. Barron had no report.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

Mrs. Uzelac had no report.

PARKS & RECREATION:

Ms. LaMarca referred to Ms. Orlich for a report. Ms. Orlich said we are celebrating Arbor Day on Friday April 27th. We have invited 3rd and 4th graders from Aquinas School to plant trees and participated in a small classroom session, donations have been received. Ms. LaMarca made mention of the new equipment Hendricks Park will be receiving.

ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS:

Mr. Barron referred to Mr. Lake for a report. Mr. Lake said he is working on finalizing the Rule 13th Annual Report this week. Mr. Lake reported pipe drainage failures and will be addressing them as an emergency repair.

ELECTIONS & PUBLIC RELATIONS:

Mrs. Uzelac had no report.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:

Mr. Pettit had no report.

UTILITY LIAISON:

Mr. Spann had no report.

ABANDONED PROPERTIES:

President Hardaway had no report.

GENERAL ORDERS:

FIRST READING ORDINANCES:

None

SECOND READING ORDINANCES:

Ord. 18-03:

An Ordinance of the Town of Merrillville, Lake County, Indiana, creating budget line items within the Police Department Special Grant Fund budget. Mrs. Barron made a motion to approve the ordinance and was seconded by Ms. LaMarca. There was no discussion. The motion carried by a 7-0 roll call vote.

Ord. 18-04:

An Ordinance of the Town of Merrillville, Lake County, Indiana, creating budget line items within the Town of Merrillville Motor Vehicle Highway fund budget. Mr. Pettit made a motion to approve the ordinance and was seconded by Mrs. Barron. There was no discussion. The motion carried by a 7-0 roll call vote.

Ord. 18-05:

An Ordinance amending Town Ordinance No: 17-30, being, “An Ordinance of the Town Council of the Town of Merrillville, Indiana amending the municipal code to adopt by reference the 2014 Indiana Fire Code for enforcement by the Merrillville Fire Department and Merrillville Town Court and prescribing/assessing civil penalties for certain ordinance and town code violations, and repealing all town code sections and ordinances, or parts thereof, in conflict herewith. Mr. Pettit made a motion to approve the ordinance and was seconded by Mrs. Barron. Some discussion followed. The motion carried by a 7-0 roll call vote.

RESOLUTIONS:

None

BZA ACTIONS:

None

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

None

PUBLIC COMMENT:

All public comment is recorded on an audio file and kept on file in the Clerk-Treasurer’s Office at Town Hall.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Board of Zoning Appeals meeting, April 25, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.

Abandoned & Blight Properties meeting, April 26, 2018 at 10:30 a.m.

Stormwater Management Board meeting, May 1, 2018 at 4:30 p.m.

Plan Commission Workshop meeting, May 1, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.

Police Commission meeting, May 4, 2018 at 8:00 a.m.

Town Council meeting, May 9, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: Mrs. Barron made a motion to adjourn and was seconded by Mrs. LaMarca.

Richard Hardaway, President

Eugene Guernsey, Clerk-Treasurer